# Vote Indiana Team

# Help America Vote Act Accessibility Report

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## Help America Vote Act Accessibility Requirements:

- All polling places physically accessible for the disabled
- At least one accessible voting machine per polling place
- Training and Voter Education

#### Physically accessible polling places

- Accessibility Survey
  - Conducted by Count Us IN
    - Marion County, November 2003
    - Over ½ remaining counties, May 2004
    - Remaining counties, November 2004
  - Most polling places highly accessible
  - 10% fully accessible (0 barriers)
  - 45% at least 90% accessible (3 barriers or less)
  - 78% at least 80% accessible (7 barriers or less)
  - 91% at least 70% accessible (10 barriers or less)

Physically accessible polling places (continued)

- Accessibility Equipment
  - HHS Grant Funding
  - \$466,000 in equipment for counties
  - Includes: signage, ramps, parking devices, assistive devices
  - In place by May 2006 election

Physically accessible polling places (continued)

- Accessibility Grants
  - HHS Grant Funding
  - Calendar years 2006-2008
  - Over \$186,000 in financial grants directly to counties
  - Includes: signage, ramps, parking spaces, door openers, voting booths, etc.

#### Accessible Voting Systems

- Types
  - Direct Record Electronic (DRE)
  - AutoMark (Hybrid; DRE & Optical Scan)
- All 92 Indiana counties compliant
  - 86 using DRE
  - 6 AutoMark
- HAVA Deadline
  - All accessible equipment in place by May 2006

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## Training and Voter Education

- Training
  - Train-the-Trainer sessions
  - Accessibility included in poll worker training materials
  - Election Day Handbook
  - Poll Worker Training Video
- Voter Education
  - PSA's
  - Voter's Guide

#### 2009 and Beyond

- HHS Grant expected to continue
  - Over \$500,000 remaining from 2006-08 grants
  - Expect \$175,000 \$225,000 from 2009 grant
  - Widely expected to remain a funding source in future
- State intentions
  - County direct grants for polling place upgrades and assistive devices
  - Training (poll workers) and voter education materials

#### Questions?

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